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1. [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED]

SAID THAT THE PCCH IN COOPERATION WITH ELEMENTS OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) HAD PREPARED A PETITION TO THE SUPREME COURT REQUESTING THE LATTER TO PRESS THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE RESULTS OF ITS PROMISED INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE CASES OF PERSONS WHO HAVE DISAPPEARED SINCE THE 1973 MILITARY TAKEOVER. [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE DECLARATION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH-SPONSORED VICARIATE OF SOLIDARITY, AND THAT THE P E C K AND THE PDC WORKED WITH THE VICARIATE TO SECURE THE SIGNATURES OF MORE THAN 1,000 PROFESSIONALS ON THE PETITION.

3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: SANTIAGO MB TEL 19720 F 10 MARCH REPORTED THE HARSH REACTION OF THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT TO A PETITION SUBMITTED TO THE SUPREME COURT ON 8 MARCH REQUESTING

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A GOVERNMENT STATEMENT REGARDING 501 PERSONS HISSING SINCE THE 1973 COUP D'ETAT. PRESUMABLY THIS PETITION, SIGNED BY ALMOST 2,000 PERSONS, IS THE SAME ONE REFERRED TO BY [REDACTED] IN REACTING TO IT. THE GOVERNMENT CHARGED THAT THE ENEMIES OF THE REGIME STAGE EVENTS TO DISCREDIT THE GOVERNMENT WHENEVER THE UNITED NATIONS OR ITS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETS, THUS DEMONSTRATING THE MARXISTS' ABILITY TO MANIPULATE PEOPLE AND PROVING THAT THE COUNTRY IS NOT PREPARED FOR JURIDICAL AND POLITICAL NORMALCY.)

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4. [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE PETITION TO THE SUPREME COURT WAS A TEST EXERCISE TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE "PETITION OF CHILE". HE EXPLAINED THAT IN THIS NEXT EFFORT, THE PCCH AND SOME PDC MEMBERS, WORKING THROUGH THE VICARIATE, WILL TRY TO OBTAIN THE SIGNATURES OF 100,000 WORKERS ON A PETITION DEMANDING AMONG OTHER THINGS A RETURN TO DEMOCRACY AND JUSTICE.

5. [REDACTED] SAID THAT DESPITE THE PDC'S RECENTLY STATED POSITION REJECTING COOPERATION WITH THE PCCH, THERE IS IN FACT COOPERATION BETWEEN ELEMENTS OF BOTH PARTIES ON MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL PROJECTS. HE SAID THAT THE PCCH ESTIMATES THAT PDC LEADERS FELT IT NECESSARY TO PUBLICLY REJECT ANY ARRANGEMENT

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WITH THE PCCH IN ORDER TO ATTRACT DEMOCRATIC ELEMENTS WITHIN THE MILITARY, [REDACTED] COMMENT [REDACTED] THE JUNTA AND THE MILITARY IN GENERAL WERE BLAMING THE PDC, THE PCCH AND ELEMENTS OF THE CHURCH FOR ENGAGING IN A CONTINUING CAMPAIGN IN ORDER TO FUEL INTERNATIONAL CRITICISM OF CHILE, AND THAT THIS CAMPAIGN WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECENT BACKSLIDING IN CHILE'S IMAGE.)

6. [REDACTED]

7. IN MID-MARCH, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT IN THE VIEW OF THE JUNTA, THE 8 MARCH PETITION TO THE SUPREME COURT ON THE MISSING PERSONS' REPRESENTED CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF COORDINATION AMONG THE PDC, THE PCCH AND THE CHURCH. HE SAID THAT MEMBERS OF THE JUNTA ARE ALSO CONVINCED THAT THE THREE ELEMENTS ARE ENGAGING IN COORDINATED EFFORTS TO DISRUPT DOMESTIC POLICY MAKING AND IMPLEMENTATION.

8. [REDACTED]

PRESIDENT AUGUSTO PIÑERO CHETSAID THAT HE WAS

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CONSIDERING SIGNIFICANT DOMESTIC POLICY CHANGES (NOT SPECIFIED ?  
PREDICATED ON THE COORDINATED AND CONTINUING EFFORTS OF THE PDC,  
THE PCCH AND THE CHURCH TO EMBARRASS THE GOVERNMENT; THEIR  
CONSTANT DISRUPTIVE CRITICISM, WHICH IS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE  
FOREIGN PRESS; AND INCREASING EFFORTS BY PDC MEMBERS HOLDING  
POSITIONS AT IMPORTANT LEVELS IN GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES TO  
OBSTRUCT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES.

COMMENT: THIS COULD BE WHAT PINOCHET MEANT WHEN WE TOLD THE  
PRESS ON 11 MARCH THAT A NEW RHYTHM HAS NEEDED TO OVERCOME  
APPARENT STAGNATION, AND THAT HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH THE  
VARIOUS MINISTERS TO DECIDE ON FURTHER CHANGES IN LOWER ECHELONS  
OF THE GOVERNMENT. PRESUMABLY, THE FOREGOING REASONS ALSO  
CONTRIBUTED TO THE GOVERNMENT'S 12 MARCH DECISION TO DISSOLVE  
THE PDC. ON 15 MARCH,

THE DISSOLUTION OF THE PDC WOULD CAUSE SOME  
ALTERATIONS (NOT SPECIFIED) IN THE PLANS FOR THE "PETITION OF  
CHILE", BUT WOULD NOT RESULT IN A CANCELLATION OF THE EFFORT.)

9. THAT  
THE GOVERNMENT HAS DISCOVERED FUNCTIONING PCCH CELLS IN THE  
UNIVERSITY OF CHILE, AND THAT ELEMENTS OF THE MOVEMENT OF THE

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REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR) ARE STILL ACTIVE. [REDACTED] COMMENT:  
THE [REDACTED] PRESS OF 9 MARCH REPORTED THE ARREST BY THE CIVIL  
POLICE OF EIGHT MIR MEMBERS INVOLVED IN A SERIES OF LOCAL  
ROBBERIES. [REDACTED]

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10. [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
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